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FOLLOWING OPENING SESSION OF CENTO MINISTERIAL,

ANKARA, MAY 22, 1975

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF SUBJECT EXCHANGE BETWEEN  
SECRETARY AND TED KOPPEL OF ABC WHICH WAS COVERED BY U.S.  
AND FOREIGN PRESS:

(BEGIN TRANSCRIPT)

KOPPEL: (QUESTION UNCLEAR, BUT CONCERNS  
SYRIAN RENEWAL OF (UNDOF) ..DID THIS SURPRISE YOU AND DOES  
IT STRENGTHEN YOUR HAND?

KISSINGER: WELL, I AM PLEASED BY THIS RESULT  
AND I THINK IT GETS US SOME MORE TIME TO SEE WHEATHER PROGRESS  
CAN BE MADE.

KOPPEL: DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN?

KISSINGER: I DID NOT KNOW IT THROUGH THE WHOLE  
PERIOD. I THINK SYRIA DECIDED THIS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

KOPPEL: WHY DO YOU THINK THE SYRIANS AGREED  
TO GO AHEAD, IN EFFECT, OF THE EGYPTIANS? THE EGYPTIANS  
HAVE GIVEN ONLY THREE MONTHS MANDATE. NOW THE SYRIANS MANDATE  
WILL GO THROUGH UNTIL NOVEMBER.

KISSINGER: I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON SYRIAN  
MOTIVES, BUT I THINK IT IS A CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH  
WE HOPE WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR PROGRESS IN A  
CALMER ATMOSPHERE.

KOPPEL: DOES IT IN ANY WAY STRENGTHEN YOU HAND  
UNILATERALLY OR WOULD IT HAVE TO BE STILL WITHIN THE GENEVA  
CONTEXT?

KISSINGER: WELL, WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THE  
POSITION THAT WE WILL PROCEED ON WHATEVER COURSE SEEMS MOST  
PROMISING, AND WE DO NOT INSIST ON ANY PARTICULAR FORMULA-  
WHICHEVER WILL WORK BEST. I INTEND TO GO TO GENEVA AND WE ARE  
PREPARED TO USE OTHER MEANS.

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KOPPEL: MAY I ASK ANOTHER QUESTION ON A  
DIFFERENT SUBJECT? THERE WERE REPORTS TODAY THAT THE UNITED  
STATES IS BEGINNING TO EVACUATE PEOPLE AS OF TOMORROW, OUT OF  
LAOS. CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN US ON THAT?

KISSINGER: WE HAVE BEEN REDUCING OUR PERSONNEL  
IN LAOS TO MAKE IT CONFORM MORE WITH THE NEW POLITICAL SITUATION

THAT HAS DEVELOPED THERE, AND IN WHICH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE  
HARRASSMENT OF OUR AID PERSONNEL, A RUDUCTION OF AT LEAST  
REGIONAL OFFICES IS INDICATED. SO THERE WILL BE A VERY  
SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF OUR PRESENCE IN LAOS.

KOPPEL: IS THIS A COMPLETE EVACUATION:

KISSINGER: IS IS NOT A COMPLETE EVACUATION  
AT THIS POINT.

KOPPEL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(END TRANSCRIPT)

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